Unit #29 Cancer and Tumors

Below is a list of the vocabulary needed to pass this unit with a good score.

**basal cell carcinoma**
a type of skin cancer often appearing as a transparent bump on the skin
"Nowadays most people are aware that sunbathing is a leading cause of basal cell carcinoma."

**cancerous**
malignant in nature as opposed to benign
"The doctors suspected that the tumor may be cancerous and ordered a biopsy."

**carcinogenic**
causing cancer
"Smoke from tobacco is known to be carcinogenic."

**carcinoma**
a cancer arising in the lining of internal organs
"Fortunately, the carcinoma was found to be benign."

**chemotherapy**
treatment of disease using a mixture of drugs
"After an operation to remove a cancer, chemotherapy is the first course of treatment."

**cytogenic**
producing cells
"The prostate gland is a cytogenic gland as it secretes living cells."

**leukemia**
cancer of the white blood cells
"Leukemia is a cancer caused by an overproduction of damaged white blood cells."

**lymphoma**
cancer of the lymph nodes
"There is a risk of the lymphoma spreading to the kidney and lungs."

**melanoma**
a serious cancerous growth on the skin similar in appearance to a mole
"Although the most dangerous form of skin cancer, melanoma can still be treated."

**myeloma**
a blood cancer arising from damaged plasma cells
"The specialist discussed methods of slowing the myeloma."
**neoplasm**
an abnormal new growth
"A neoplasm can be either benign or malignant so should be investigated."

**nephroma**
an abnormal growth in the kidney
"Surgery is often the treatment of choice for nephroma because it leads to the best outcomes."

**neuroma**
an abnormal growth made of nerve tissue
"The MRI confirmed the presence of a neuroma in the ball of her foot."

**oncogenic**
causing the development of tumors
"Viruses which are suspected of causing cancers are referred to as oncogenic cancers."

**polyp**
a growth which protrudes from the tissue
"If a polyp is small and asymptomatic, it may disappear on its own."

**pulmonary neoplasm**
a tumor in the lungs
"A biopsy was taken to confirm the malignancy of the pulmonary neoplasm."

**radiotherapy**
the treatment of disease using radiation
"In most cases radiotherapy is used as the second stage of treatment."

**sarcoma**
cancer of connective tissue cells
"Stage IV sarcoma is rarely curable as it has already spread throughout the body."

**thymoma**
a tumor in the thymus tissue
"Having been diagnosed, a thymoma can be removed surgically."

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